

BEACH SWEEP BY FLAMES

Loss at Salisbury, Mass., Resort is \$100,000

OLDER PART WAS BURNED

Eight Hotels, a Church and a Hundred Cottages Were Wiped Out by Flames—No Lives Reported Lost.

Salisbury Beach, Mass., Oct. 27.—The fire which swept the old part of this beach resort last night was under control at 4:30 this morning after destroying eight hotels, one church, a hundred cottages, and doing \$100,000 damage.

The fire started in the New Era house at about one o'clock. The flames spread so quickly from this hotel to the adjoining cottages that aid was summoned from Newburyport and Amesbury.

The path of the flames spread as the fire advanced, the wooden buildings being mowed down like paper. Sparks jumped the railroad track and set fire to property on the other side.

\$500,000 LOSS IN ST. JOHNS.

Baird, Gordon & Co.'s Block and Wharves Burned.

St. Johns, N. F., Oct. 27.—Baird, Gordon & Co.'s block, a large brick structure extending from 117 to 185 Water street, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

The block was occupied by the owners and by a number of other mercantile houses. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

BOTH DISCHARGED.

Man and Woman Held in Death of a Nashed, N. H. Woman.

Nashua, N. H., Oct. 27.—Judge Runnells yesterday, after a hearing ordered the discharge of Miss Inez L. Philbrick and George Otis Smith, charged with murder in the second degree in connection with the death last Friday morning of Miss Abbie E. Stark.

Medical Referee Congdon testified that Miss Stark died as a result of having taken a poisonous drug. Judge Runnells ruled that alleged confession made by Miss Philbrick to the medical referee was inadmissible as evidence and then ordered the defendants discharged.

BURGLARS STEAL GIN.

Eighty-six Quarts Taken From Car With Other Things.

Newport, Oct. 27.—Burglars, evidently very thirsty and in need of stimulants, broke into a freight car in the Boston & Maine yards here yesterday and pilfered 86 quarts of gin. It is supposed that they stole other things, too, but the item of gin alone looms up large and railroad detectives are now on the trail of the "rummies."

Louis Carter was arraigned in the municipal court yesterday charged with grand larceny and admitted guilty to the theft of \$50 from Dennis Depouche. Carter was sentenced to not more than two years or less than a year and a half at the state prison.

DEAD FOR A DAY.

Baby's Body Found at West Derby Yesterday.

Derby, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Mary Banier of West Derby was very much surprised yesterday when she found a dead baby boy in some bushes. Mrs. Banier was looking for stray hens and nearly stepped on the body before discovering it. The baby was rolled up in a black cloth and a towel was tied about the neck, the ends being stuffed into the mouth.

BONES OF THREE VICTIMS.

Searchers in Richford Elevator Ruins Find Them.

Richford, Oct. 27.—The bones of three more bodies found yesterday in the ruins of the Richford elevator. It was impossible to establish their identity. The grain is still burning and unless heavy rain comes it probably will be some time before the ruins can be completely searched.

LAURIER RETURNED BY SMALLER MAJORITY

Liberals Won Out in Yesterday's Election in Canada—Nova Scotia Sends Some Conservatives to Parliament.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 27.—Elections for the federal House of Commons were held yesterday throughout Canada. Of the 221 constituencies in the Dominion, only two, Rouville, Que., and South York, Ont., returned members by acclamation.

In all the others, with the exception of five which hold their elections later, there were contests. The returns show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the present Liberal premier, who in the last House had a majority of 66, will be returned to power for another five years, with a safe, although slightly reduced, majority.

French Canadian Quebec remained loyal to the premier, electing a membership almost solidly Liberal. Ontario, where the Conservatives expected to make their heaviest gains, and where the campaign against alleged government extravagance and favoritism waged the hottest, did not come up to the opposition's expectations.

Nova Scotia, which at the last general election in 1904 returned a solid Liberal phalanx, gives the Conservative party several seats.

R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservatives, was elected by a substantial majority in Halifax, which rejected him four years ago.

At His Return to Parliament by a Good Majority.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 27.—The triumphant return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Ottawa with practically unbroken ranks is being celebrated here and throughout the province of Quebec with great enthusiasm.

At midnight the returns indicated the following results: Nova Scotia—12 Liberals, 8 Conservatives, a government loss of 5.

New Brunswick—10 Liberals, 3 Conservatives, a government gain of 2.

Prime Edward Island—3 Liberals, 1 Conservative, a government gain of 2.

Quebec—46 Liberals, 10 Conservatives, no change.

Ontario—37 Liberals, 36 Conservatives, out of 86 seats, a slight government gain.

Manitoba—3 Liberals, 7 Conservatives, opposition gain of 3.

Saskatchewan—5 Liberals, 2 Conservatives (new districts).

Alberta—3 Liberals, 2 Conservatives (British Columbia—2 Conservatives).

The latest figures indicate that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will come back to Ottawa with a majority of between 55 and 60.

DELEGATION TO OTTAWA.

Nova Scotia Sends Twelve Liberals and Six Conservatives.

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 27.—The Conservative party in yesterday's general elections captured five seats from the Liberals, and the two Liberal candidates and the South Riding of Cape Breton county. The delegation to Ottawa stands: Liberals, twelve; Conservatives, six.

In Halifax to-day, R. L. Borden, leader of the Canadian Conservative party, who was defeated four years ago, was successful. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and the right-hand man of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was re-elected in Shelburne-Queens, as was Sir Frederick Borden, the minister of militia in Kings county.

A number of bitter personal attacks had been made on Sir Frederick in the campaign and two arrests were made for criminal libel.

OLD TRAITS STILL RULE

Out of Prison Thursday, Arrested Again To-day

A VETERAN HORSE THIEF

James Market Taken in Rutland on a Charge of Stealing Two Horses in Sherburne Last Night.

Rutland, Oct. 27.—James Market, a veteran horse thief who was released from the state prison at Windsor last Thursday, was arrested here this morning for stealing a horse of Merrill Neil of Sherburne and a horse and buggy of William Davis of the same town last night.

He was tracked to this city and the Davis horse was found hatched in the street. The other animal was abandoned in Sherburne. Market was found at the depot here waiting for a train. It is expected that he will be arraigned in county court this afternoon.

DENY THAT TAFT COLLAPSED TO-DAY

Following His Strenuous Time in New York—Bryan Addressed New York Newspaper Men at Four O'clock This Morning.

New York, Oct. 27.—It was denied this morning that Taft suffered a collapse after a series of meetings in Brooklyn last night. He has a busy program for today.

He left New York at 9:05 and he speaks at Yonkers, Tarrytown, Peekskill, Poughkeepsie, Hudson, Schenectady and Cohoes. He arrives at 9:10 p. m.

Bryan instituted a unique departure in campaigning when he addressed a crowd of morning newspaper employes from the steps of the city hall at four o'clock this morning.

He was followed by a speech by Taft for his labor position. A crowd of several thousands heard him. He arose again at 10 a. m. and began addresses to Broadway business men at the headquarters of the order of Acorn.

He also addressed a labor meeting at Brooklyn. Afterwards he lunched with Kings county labor leaders. Bryan is scheduled to deliver thirteen addresses in Brooklyn, Long Island City and Jersey City, winding up at 12:15 tomorrow morning in Brooklyn again.

ARCHBOLD TO HEARST.

Would He Kindly Return Personal Letters?

New York, Oct. 27.—John D. Archbold of the Standard Oil company made the following statement yesterday afternoon regarding the letters read by William K. Hearst at the Carnegie hall meeting Saturday night:

"I am very sure that until Hearst read the letters, neither Judge Morrison nor Judge Henderson had any knowledge of my having written Governor Stone in their behalf. Judge Henderson was not appointed by Judge Stone to the supreme court, but was three years later appointed by Governor Penneyacker to a superior court judgeship. If, however, any feeble word of mine could have influenced in the slightest degree the selection of those gentlemen for their respective positions I would be very proud of it. Their state has no better servants than they, and I certainly have never asked of myself or for the company with which I am connected."

"My letters to General Elkin referring to accommodations, drafts related entirely to contributions to the Republican state committee then engaged in the campaign preliminary to the re-nomination of Mr. McKinley, a subject regarding which I think Hearst would be a little sensitive, for was it not the election and tragic death of Mr. McKinley that came near costing Hearst his precious neck?"

"The statement regarding Judge Haight in connection with an old libel that has been explained and exploded so many times that it would be a simple weariness to the public to go over it again."

"The intimation by Hearst that he has had any communication from me or from any of my associates in connection with the stolen letters is a lie. The only favor which I would ask, or hope ever to ask of Hearst is that he return me the letters handed him by his lawless 'gentleman friend' which were written from Japan, relating to the fatal illness of my daughter in that country."

THOMAS ON GAME LAW.

Say Deer Season Opens at Midnight on November 9.

State Fish and Game Commissioner Thomas of Stone was in Montpelier today and gave questions about the matter said that he construed the governor's proclamation closing the hunting season to mean that at the close of the prohibited season the killing of deer for a week will be allowed. In that case the deer hunting season will open at midnight November 9.

Discussing Swanton Water.

Swanton, Oct. 27.—The local water situation was thoroughly threshed out at a meeting of citizens yesterday afternoon, but it was finally decided to leave the matter entirely to the trustees of the corporation. It is proposed to extend the pipe to Fairfield pond and sink in about four feet deeper.

FOREST FIRES ARE OUT.

Rain Did the Business in Bennington After Men Had Them Checked.

Bennington, Oct. 27.—The rain which began falling yesterday forenoon, added to the shower Sunday morning, has settled the forest fire question in Woodford, Glensbury and Shaftsbury, although the extraordinary efforts of the men sent in the mountains by the Eagle Square company of South Shaftsbury had already been effective in reducing the burning territory to well defined limits.

On Green mountain, in the towns of Shaftsbury and Glensbury, over three miles of trench were excavated in the work of establishing a fire line to keep the flames from spreading toward the south. With the trench for one boundary and a logging road for another and by the means of back fires the endangered area was finally reduced to fixed limits and yesterday only charred stumps and old logs were burning.

A strip of territory fully five miles long has been burned over on Green mountain alone. Both Glensbury and the Shaftsbury slopes were swept and the damage, especially to young timber, is large.

SUCCEEDS REV. FULLER.

Rev. H. A. Durfee of Winooski Filled Sunday School Secretary.

Burlington, Oct. 27.—Rev. H. A. Durfee, pastor of the Winooski Methodist church, has been elected superintendent and field secretary of the Vermont Sunday school association to succeed Rev. E. M. Fuller of this city, resigned.

Mr. Fuller's resignation will become effective December 1, and it is expected that Mr. Durfee will assume the duties of the office either at that time or on January 1, 1909. He resigned yesterday as pastor of the Winooski church.

Dr. Durfee has held pastorates at Fort Edward, Slingsland, Hoosick Falls, White Creek, North Bennington and other parishes, was principal of Troy Conference academy 1897-00, and 1901-02, was secretary of the Vermont Anti-Saloon league. This is his second year as pastor in Winooski.

KENT DIDN'T LIKE SO BIG A CROWD

Recaptured Inmate of Insane Asylum Was Nettled When He Saw Crowd Gathered in Rutland to Welcome Him.

Rutland, Oct. 27.—Accompanied by two deputy sheriffs, Elroy Kent, the escaped inmate of the state insane asylum at Waterbury, arrived here last night and was taken to the house of correction. About 300 people were at the station pressing forward to see the prisoner and the officers had to push a way to the cab in waiting. Kent's only comment on the way to the jail was the remark to the officers, "I didn't know there were so many fools in all the world."

WAIVED EXTRADITION.

Kent Comes Back to Vermont Without The Papers.

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 27.—Elroy Kent, who is wanted in Vermont on the charge of having murdered Miss Della B. Congdon of East Wallingford, and who was arrested here last week, yesterday waived extradition rights and started for Rutland. In custody of Deputy Sheriff A. W. J. Wilkins of Brattleboro, Vt., and A. A. Leonard and Wallingford, Vt.

He was brought into the district court here, and the complaint on which he was originally arrested, that of stealing a bicycle, was dropped. Kent was released to the officers who have expressed doubt as to whether Kent, who escaped from the state insane hospital at Waterbury, Vt., previous to the death of Miss Congdon, is at present insane.

FOREST FIRES CONTROLLED.

They Are Being Carefully Watched to Prevent Outbreak.

Craftsbury, Oct. 27.—It is now believed that the forest fires in this vicinity are under control, although they are still being carefully watched. The fires which were started Thursday on the Judewine property gained such headway that valuable timber land and many houses were threatened. Two hundred men are at work digging trenches in the hope of stopping the flames. It is estimated that 2,000 acres have been burned over.

Waterbury, Oct. 27.—The fire which has been burning this week on the mountain between this place and Bakersfield is now under control.

Montgomery Center, Oct. 27.—From twenty to 25 men are being kept in Belvidere to protect the property of Nelson, Hall, & Co. of this place.

WOMAN ARRESTED

On Charge of Sending an Objectionable Post Card.

Burlington, Oct. 27.—Estelle Hollenbeck was arrested yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Thomas Reeves, charged with violation of the postal laws, the specific offense against her being the mailing of a post card containing defamatory utterances to Mrs. Olive Ormel of Ferrisburgh. Mrs. Hollenbeck was taken before United States Commissioner H. B. Shaw and furnished bail of \$150 for her later appearance in federal court. She was arrested on an indictment returned against her at the recent sitting of the federal grand jury in Rutland.

Program for Presbyterian Fair. To be held in Hale's Pavilion, Thursday evening, Oct. 29. I. Selection by the "Ideal Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo club." II. Vocal solo, Misses Robertson. III. Quartette, Mrs. Martin, Miss Johnston, Miss McDonald and Miss Margaret Johnston. IV. Selection by the "Ideal club." V. Reading by Prof. Heath. VI. Duets, Misses Sheriffs. VII. Vocal solo, Miss Young. VIII. Selection by "Ideal Mandolin, Guitar and Banjo club." Program to begin at 8 o'clock. Admission ten cents.

THE SPEAKER TAKES HAND

And Tells House it Mustn't Adjourn Next Week

HE WON FIGHT TO STAY

Speaker Cheney Told the House it Would Be in Session Until Next January If It Decided to Go Home for the Election.

State House, Oct. 27. When the members of the House had slid by the revolving doors this morning after adjournment they had left behind them a vote killing the resolution calling for adjournment next week over election day.

After ten bills had been introduced in the House of various degrees of importance and the House had killed the so-called "lobby bill," providing that lobbyists register with the sergeant-at-arms, Mr. McClintock of Norton introduced a joint resolution providing for adjournment from Friday to Wednesday afternoon of next week.

It was this resolution that precipitated a warm debate, in which Mr. Fish took the chair so that Speaker Cheney could relieve himself of a few things which he wished to say against the resolution, among which was a statement that during his twelve years of legislative experience he never knew a legislature to have so little done at the fourth week of the session as the present one. He also said that even if the members worked hard during next week, he could not promise that the session would be through by Christmas, and if they adjourned that week it would easily be January, because with a week gone for election and another for thanksgiving there would be but two working weeks in November.

It was Speaker Cheney's remarks that turned the tide, for many had spoken in favor of the adjournment on the ground that the members would not be in attendance if the sessions were held next week, and that much of the committee work would have to be done over again on account of absence.

Among these were Mr. Howe of Bennington and Mr. Fletcher of Cavendish. Many spoke in favor of remaining over, including Mr. Williams of Newport, Mr. Leary of Burlington, and others who endorse the words of the speaker.

Mr. Howe of Bennington said that members from Bennington, Windham and Essex counties could not very well get here on Wednesday and he moved an amendment to the resolution that the adjournment be taken until Thursday morning. This amendment was voted down.

Mr. Kinsey of Rutland moved an amendment following out the suggestions of Mr. Hitchcock of Pittsford that adjournment be taken for the whole of next week without pay. Mr. Bacon of Hartford facetiously remarked that if there were any means of having board and room bills remitted during the period he should favor this amendment. This provoked some laughter, and then the vote was taken and this amendment killed.

With these two amendments out of the way, the vote on the original resolution was taken, the yeas and nays being called for by both Speaker Cheney and Mr. Howe. The vote which killed the adjournment resolution was 158 to 71.

To check the whole "business" proposition for next week, Mr. Howe of St. Johnsbury said that he had gathered from the remarks that many of the members would not attend the sessions whether adjournment was taken or not, and he called attention to section 13 of the rules of the House, providing that members shall not absent themselves except on account of sickness or upon excuse, and moved that the speaker be instructed to see that this section was enforced. This motion was also carried.

A joint resolution was adopted on the part of the House providing for a visit to the state's prison by the prison board and resolutions for visitations by the insane and industrial school boards were adopted in the Senate.

Among the bills introduced this morning were two by Mr. Tilden of Barre City, calling for changes in the charter. One provides that taxes shall be collected within 30, instead of forty days, and the other gives the city council authority to appoint a building inspector, and power to grant minor permits himself.

Representative-elect D. B. Kendall of Weathersfield was presented at the bar of the House and took the oath. On motion of Mr. Bacon of Hartford, the roll call of the House was dispensed with at this time.

BILLS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE.

By Mr. Ramsey of Castleton, relating to barred wire fences along the highways. Prohibits building such fences on highways.

By Mr. Davis of Springfield, relating to pay of assistant judges of county courts. Makes per diem \$4 and mileage.

By Mr. Otis of Sutton, amending public statutes relating to the definition of a legal school. Makes legal school not less than 28 weeks and of not less than six pupils unless transportation is dangerous if so less than six pupils.

By Mr. McClintock of Norton, to amend section 3204 P. S., relating to sale of intoxicating liquors without a license. Makes penalty not more than \$1,000 nor less than \$300. To joint committee on temperance.

By Mr. Howe of Bennington (by request) to improve sanitary conditions in the vending of bread and cake. Bread and cake offered for sale must be wrapped in waxed paper.

By Mr. Davis of Springfield, to aid the town of Weathersfield in building a bridge across the Connecticut river. Appropriates \$2,000.

By Mr. Howe of Bennington, relating to pickering fishing in certain ponds in Bennington county. Allows fishing through the ice in Dentons, Shoddy Mill,

PROBATION IS GRANTED

Barre Woman Pleaded Guilty to Selling Liquor

Also a Cabot Aged Man

Trial of State vs. Mrs. J. M. Steamberg Was Taken Up To-day—Attorney Laird Assigned for Fred Strong.

In Washington county court this morning Attorney W. A. Lord asked to be assigned as counsel for Fred Strong, the man who was arrested at Waterbury on the charge of assaulting G. B. Evans a week ago, and that course was taken. Attorney Lord stated that the defense of his client would be insanity. State's attorney gases will file information against Strong.

Aurelian Clark of Cabot pleaded guilty to a single offense of selling intoxicating liquor contrary to law and on petition of his attorney he was placed on probation. He is an aged man, said to be 78.

Another probationary order was issued in the case of Mrs. Theresa Conoma of Barre City, whose case was taken into county court, allowing a raid at her place on Second street. The woman pleaded guilty to one offense of selling. Then her attorney A. A. Sargent, pleaded with the court that she be placed on probation, stating that for some time she had to support her husband by taking in washings and that after his death she tried to live by the same means until her doctor had told her that she would have to leave off doing washings. Attorney Sargent told the court that Mrs. Conoma was in bad physical condition and was deserving of probation if anyone ever was. His request was granted.

Another Barre case, that of State vs. Mrs. J. M. Steamberg, coming up on a liquor raid, was started in court today, her attorney being M. M. Gordon of Barre. Sheriff Tracy and Chief of Police Faulkner told of the conditions at the time of the raid. There are several more Barre liquor cases to be taken up.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED.

In Excessive Rate Case Against the Central Vermont R. R.

The Vermont supreme court to-day remanded for new trial the case of State of Vermont vs. the Central Vermont railroad company, charged with imposing excessive freight rates on coal shipped to the state insane asylum. His was a decision by Judge Munson and was read at the closing session of the court in Montpelier to-day.

In the Orange county case of State vs. Ricker for recovery of property alleged to have been taken under false pretenses sustained the lower court in allowing the amending of the information and ordered the case remanded to the lower court. Judgment for the plaintiff to Hallston vs. George F. Walston was reversed by supreme court to-day and the order for the defendant to pay was declared vacated.

NOT ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

Joseph Chiquette Probably Got His Hurt in a Fall.

When Joseph Chiquette hove to in Montpelier city court today with a cut on the top of the head and an intoxication charge hanging over the same there were rumors that someone had tried to kill Chiquette and had rapped him over the head in the process. It is more probable, however, that Chiquette got his damage in a personally conducted fall during his spree. He was picked up in the railroad yards in Montpelier last night, dead to the world. He pleaded guilty to an offense of intoxication and was assessed \$25.20, besides being sent to the jail for thirty days.

RACE SUICIDE! FIE!

Barre's Record Refutes the Theory—Recent Births.

Race suicide has been Roosevelt's cry and in numerous localities among certain classes the facts have proven his assertions to be truth. Barre can plead not guilty to the charge and furnish evidence to the contrary.

No city of its size, perhaps, has more children of school age and under in proportion to the population. The list of births in three recent days might contribute to Barre's being found not guilty of the race suicide charge.

A daughter was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. John Rae of Pleasant street. A daughter was born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Beagrie of Merchant street. A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Duncan. A son was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Jones of Allen street. A son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson of Granite street.

TO-NIGHT IN BARRE.

Board of civil authority for registering voters, city court-room, 8 p. m. Board of aldermen, regular meeting, 7 p. m. The Comique picture show, A. Tomasi block. The Theatrical, 40 Main street, Massucco's theatre, Scampini block.